

Soviets walk out at Geneva

American President Ronald Reagan said in Washington yesterday he was disappointed but not surprised by the Soviet walkout from the Geneva arms talks and pledged to "do everything we can to bring them back."

"I think they'll come back because I think they must be aware as much as we are that there cannot and must not be a nuclear confrontation in the world by the only two nations that truly have a great destructive nuclear capability."

"I don't think that I'm surprised by what they did this morning, but I am disappointed," Reagan said. "I can't believe that it is going to be permanent. We'll be ready to continue negotiations at any time that they want to come back."

The Soviet walkout in Geneva occurred just before the Bonn government, fresh from winning a parliamentary vote Tuesday night approving the deployment of 204 U.S. missiles in West Germany, announced that the first of the new weapons were arriving on German soil.

Soviet chief negotiator Yuli Kvitsinsky left the Geneva meeting after about 20 minutes and said in a press statement: "The present round of negotiations has been discontinued and no date has been set for a resumption."

The U.S. mission in Geneva described the walkout as unjustified and unfortunate. But a U.S. spokesman confirmed that the next session of parallel U.S.-Soviet



Soviet chief negotiator at the Geneva nuclear arms talks Yuli Kvitsinsky leaves the U.S. mission building yesterday, after announcing that the Soviets were breaking off the talks. (UPI telephoto)

negotiations in the Swiss city on long-range strategic missiles would go ahead as planned next Tuesday, a week after the last one.

U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze, speaking four hours after the walkout, told reporters he could not predict whether Moscow would return to the medium-range talks.

But, he added, the U.S. hoped the Soviet side would conclude "it is in their interest, as well as in our interest and in the world's interest, that the negotiations resume."

A Soviet news agency commentary indicated that the Bonn vote in

favour of deploying the missiles was behind the Soviet move in Geneva. The Tass commentary reiterated Soviet warnings of retaliation against the new NATO deployments in Europe.

In London, the British government said it profoundly regretted the breakdown of the talks and sincerely hoped the negotiations would resume early next year.

NATO's council of ambassadors, meeting routinely in Brussels yesterday, issued a statement deploring the Soviet walkout. (AP, Reuter)

Arafat accepts Saudi plan for Tripoli disengagement

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
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and agencies

PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday agreed to a Sidi-mediated proposal to end the fighting in Tripoli by the withdrawal of both pro and anti-Arafat terrorist units from the beleaguered city.

The plan is believed to have been thrashed out in Damascus by PLO Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal in a series of urgent meetings with Syrian counterpart, Abdul Im Khaddam.

Sources close to the PLO minister were quoted as saying that Saud's meeting with Khaddam yesterday was attended by Shaker Natshe, a member of the central committee of Arafat's mainstream Fatah group and PLO's representative in Syria.

An unidentified "reliable source" in Damascus was quoted by agencies in dispatches from Syria capital last night as saying that the plan called for the withdrawal of the PLO, and a "democratic dialogue" between Arafat and his Syrian-backed opponents.

In Tripoli, a spokesman for Arafat, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, quoted as saying that the PLO leader had accepted "the proposals" by Arab mediators, among other things, the departure of all Palestinian fighters from the Tripoli area. He gave no further details.



Farouk Kaddoumi (left), head of the PLO political department, poses for photographers in Moscow yesterday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (centre) and a PLO aide. (UPI telephoto)

Neither Syria nor the rebels have formally announced their acceptance of the plan, although the Saudi foreign minister did indicate yesterday that his talks with his Syrian counterpart had been "good and positive," and that the two sides would "continue our contacts and discussions until we achieve that which is required."

Saudi Arabia has made it plain that what it desires is an end to the fighting, and the maintenance of the PLO's independence and unity under the continued leadership of Arafat. This position was spelled out in no uncertain terms earlier in the week by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, who branded the rebels

as "traitors and stooges," and rebuked them for their bid to stage "a military coup against the trusted authority of the PLO."

Syria's patron, the Soviet Union, while continuing to maintain a neutral posture in the dispute, again made it plain yesterday that it too regretted the "senseless and unnatural fratricidal clashes" that were rocking the PLO and insisted that differences "can and must be overcome with political methods."

The Kremlin's strongest appeal to date to end the fighting came during a meeting in Moscow yesterday between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and leading PLO official Farouk Kaddoumi, a close

associate of Arafat's.

It followed a similar appeal made to Khaddam during his visit to Moscow earlier this month.

The combined Saudi-Soviet pressure appears to have convinced the Syrians that it would not be advisable to press for the total elimination of Arafat — particularly as he has clearly maintained broad grassroots support among Palestinians despite his latest military reverses. Arafat also still enjoys the all-important support of all major PLO factions, including that of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

If, as it seemed last night, Syria has accepted the Saudi plan, it is difficult to imagine the rebels defying Damascus and pressing on — despite some tough statements by rebel spokesmen yesterday spurning mediation by other Arab states and reaffirming their commitment only to Saturday's truce deadline.

Ahmed Jibril, leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, whose group, with the Syrian-controlled Sa'ika, has been heavily involved in the rebellion, told reporters in the Baddawi camp north of Tripoli yesterday that such mediation was unacceptable as the Arab states "are part of Arafat's policies."

Jibril went on to claim that Arafat was "finished" as leader of the Palestinian revolution now that he had lost the refugee camps. He (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

First missile parts reach West Germany

BONN (AP). — The first of the new Pershing-2 missile components were flown yesterday to West Germany, chief government spokesman Peter Boenisch announced.

He made the announcement at a regular government news conference, less than a day after the West German parliament voted to endorse deployment by year's end.

Asked where the missiles would be deployed, Boenisch said: "The federal government is sticking to its intention to keep secret the deployment sites and the deployment schedule."

Boenisch said the missiles would be operational by the end of this year.

Informed sources who did not want to be identified said the first battery of nine Pershing-2s would be stationed at the U.S. Army's Mutlangen base in southern Germany.

American troops were stringing new barbed wire fences and barriers around the base yesterday in ap-

parent preparation for the missiles, according to reporters at the scene.

West Germany is scheduled to receive all 108 Pershing-2s designated for deployment in Western Europe under a 1979 NATO decision. It is also slated to receive 96 cruise missiles starting in 1986.

The first of 464 cruise missiles being deployed in five Western European countries under the NATO plan arrived in Britain earlier this month, and others are going to Italy.

Employers not yet ready to decide

Histadrut threat on C-o-L pay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive is this morning expected to empower its Central Committee to take "organizational steps" if an advance is not paid in December on account of the next cost-of-living allowance due early in 1984.

In the afternoon, the Coordinating Committee of the Economic Organizations (whose main body is the Manufacturers' Association) is to discuss granting the advance.

So far, neither side has formulated its demands, or counter proposals, but the Histadrut is expected to demand a 15 to 20 per cent advance, while the employers are expected to offer about 10 to 15 per cent — if they agree to pay at all.

Manufacturers' Association sources pointed out yesterday that they had not yet studied all the relevant data, and thus had no basis for making a firm counter offer. However, Avi Pelosoff, of the association's presidium, noted that "the welfare of the workers is just

as close to our hearts as it is to the Histadrut."

A member of the Manufacturers' Association said that he was not sure that the Coordinating Committee would reach a decision today. So far, the Histadrut has not decided on a deadline for reaching agreement on the payment, but it is believed that if it does so, it will be about the end of this month.

Histadrut-owned companies have agreed to pay an advance, but this sector has not yet announced the size of this advance, nor when it will be paid.

Yesterday, Natan Almozilno, Histadrut treasurer, who heads the Histadrut's Budget Committee, presented a quarterly budget for the January through March period in 1984. It consists of IS1,255m. (about \$13m.), and is based on the index rising by between 48 and 52 per cent in the last quarter of the current year. Since the index rose by 21.1 per cent in October alone, Almozilno evidently expects the index in both November and December to be considerably lower.



Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad is flanked by Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel (left) and one of his predecessors, Yigael Hurvitz (right) in the Knesset yesterday.

Universities make 'last chance' bid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The universities will close unless the Treasury changes its attitude significantly by December 13, the heads of the institutions said last night. They said they would give the Treasury "one last chance" to pay them the IS2.5 billion owed them for this year's budget.

At a meeting yesterday in Jerusalem, the heads of the universities first heard a report from the Planning and Grants Committee (PGC) of the Council for Higher

Education, on the budget negotiations with the Treasury. The university officials reportedly harshly criticized the PGC decision earlier this year to accept a 7 per cent cut in the 1983/84 budget.

The Treasury refuses to pay money owed on this year's budget unless the PGC, through which the government's allocations are channelled, accepts further drastic cuts for this year and next.

The heads of the universities have decided that they will not accept a

situation where the Treasury does out just enough money at the end of the month to keep the universities going, without solving their comprehensive budget crisis.

Deputy Histadrut secretary-general Israel Kassar said in Tel Aviv yesterday that he expected hard bargaining at the negotiations over a renewal of work agreements due to expire on April 1, and that the Histadrut will fight hard and not compromise despite reductions in employment.

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By WOLF BLITZER
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well-being and security. We must continue to strive for the achievement of a sovereign Lebanon free of external forces, and solid arrangements for the protection of Northern Galilee. Beyond this, we must continue our pursuit for a joint strategy for mutual security in the face of other threats to our common interest."

Answering questions yesterday at the National Press Club, Herzog said that "no one should be under any illusions" about PLO leader Yasser Arafat's supposed moderation.

"As far as Israel is concerned," he added, "it is too early to make final judgments about the 'pluses and minuses' of the war in Lebanon, noting that the impact of the 1973 Yom Kippur War also did not become fully evident until much later."

Herzog is due to return to Israel later today.

Lebanon breaks with Iran

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon has decided to break diplomatic relations with Iran and to "freeze" them with Libya for those country's alleged interference in Lebanese internal affairs, a government source said yesterday.

Foreign Ministry sources said ties with Iran would be broken unless the government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini withdrew its estimated 1,000 Revolutionary Guards from eastern Lebanon and its support of Shiite Muslim religious leader Imam Musa Sadat, who vanished on a visit to Libya.

4 Lebanon terror cells found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Several terrorists were killed and large quantities of arms and ammunition were recently seized when the Israel Defence Forces uncovered four terrorist cells in the eastern sector of South Lebanon.

A number of terrorists were cap-

tured. Among the equipment seized were mines and rocket-propelled grenades.

Security sources noted a marked decrease in recent infiltration attempts by terrorists from Syrian-controlled territory. The last attempt occurred about a month ago and was unsuccessful.

The 1,600 marines of the Multinational force were put on "Condition One" — the highest alert — just as Thanksgiving turkey was being served at the marine base in Beirut's international airport, Jordan said.

Jordan gave no further details about the car bomb threat, but he said the Thanksgiving celebration was being held a day early for

security reasons. Meanwhile, heavy exchanges of shellfire broke out between the Lebanese Army and insurgents in the hills above Beirut yesterday, military sources said.

They said a strategic ridge between the towns of Souk al-Gharb and Kaifoun was engulfed by artillery fire. The sound of explosions carried over the southeastern suburbs of the capital.

The ridge has been the scene of repeated clashes between the army and insurgents led by Druse militiamen despite a September cease-fire which ended a three-week "mountain war." There were no immediate reports of casualties. (AP, Reuter)

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Stock market rises once more

TEL AVIV. — The third consecutive day of rising prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday saw 79 shares post gains of 5 per cent or more, while only 20 suffered losses. Shares registered as "buyers only" outnumbered those on the "sellers only" list by 12 to 3.

Trading turnovers totalled IS575 million, but the share of non-banking issues in this was less than IS110m. The public was still not back buying bank shares, observers said, although these advanced almost 8 per cent over the last three trading sessions, following purchases by institutional buyers who were encouraged by the Treasury.

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BUEENOS AIRES	8	23	73	Clear
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HELSINKI	11	12	39	Clear
HONG KONG	17	63	73	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	21	70	81	Clear
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	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	46	9-20	20
Cotán	44	10-20	20
Nahariya	72	11-23	23
Safed	58	11-23	23
Haifa Port	67	12-23	23
Tiberias	57	12-23	23
Nazareth	57	12-23	23
Afula	59	8-24	24
Shomron	44	10-21	21
Tel Aviv	74	12-23	23
B-G Airport	62	10-23	23
Jencho	43	12-23	23
Gaza	76	13-23	23
Beer-Sheva	38	13-23	23
Eilat	31	14-27	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Professor Jerome Pollock will speak about "The Crisis that isn't" in Israel Economy at the Rotary Club luncheon at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1.15 p.m. today.

College to lose academic status

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Council for Higher Education has decided not to renew the academic permit of the Tel Aviv College of Administration, when it expires next July.

The permit, the first stage towards the academization of an institution of higher learning, was students. The committee of the council supervising the development of the department recently recommended that the permit be revoked at once on academic grounds.

This marks the first time that the council has decided not to allow a school to develop into an academic institution.

The college will continue to exist as a post-secondary school that trains managers and clerical workers.

Korchnoi draws

LONDON (AP). — Soviet defector Victor Korchnoi, one up in his world chess semifinals match, offered a draw last night to his opponent Gary Kasparov, and it was accepted.

Peres says Hussein may make overtures to Palestinians

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour party chairman Shimon Peres last night predicted that Jordan's King Hussein might make new overtures to the Palestinians with an eye to speaking on their behalf.

Hussein is already arguing that the PLO no longer represents the Palestinians but is rather an instrument of the Syrian regime, Peres said.

He was speaking in a pre-recorded interview on TV's *Moked* programme. Peres left yesterday to participate in the Socialist International in Belgium (see related story page 3).

(Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, in Brussels yesterday to attend the Socialist International meeting, rejected the possibility of meeting Peres. Jumblatt asked:

"Why should I see him? He has denounced the Israeli invasion of my country.")

Peres again denied that his own recent attempts to alter the political status quo in Israel were part of efforts to pre-empt a challenge to his leadership of the Labour Party.

He refused to say whether the electoral prospects of Labour would improve if it were headed by former president Yitzhak Navon. He asserted that the public votes "not for the personality of the candidate but for a party."

Peres said he knew nothing about reported requests by Labour mayoral candidates in the recent local elections that he not campaign on their behalf, for fear that his appearance would diminish their chances.

Court lights bogus cigarettes

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Thousands of fake Winston cigarettes, which were seized here on their way to Lebanon last January, have at last gone up in smoke. The fate of two more containers of bogus Winstons, worth tens of thousands of dollars, is to be decided in January.

They were burned in Haifa Port by order of Magistrate Reuven Ben-Horin, under the supervision of the Lloyd's agents, the Surdam agency. The order for the burning of the entire three-container consignment was given at the request of the J.R. Reynolds tobacco company, which makes the real Winstons.

The containers, each holding 450 cases of cigarettes, arrived here on a German freighter from Cyprus. From Haifa they were to have been sent overland to a Lebanese im-

Syria boots out French reporter

DAMASCUS (AFP). — Syrian authorities yesterday gave a correspondent for Agence France Presse 24 hours to leave the country after telling him that he had published "false" reports on President Hafez Assad's state of health.

The correspondent, Michel Garra, had reported that according to widespread rumours the Syrian ruler had been hospitalized on November 13 after a severe heart attack. The official version is that Assad was in hospital for an appendectomy.

Official sources denied yesterday that Assad had a heart attack.

A government spokesman said yesterday that Assad was recuperating and had met with aides and Ba'ath party leaders. The spokesman said this was the first time since Assad entered hospital that he had received so many visitors in one day.

Syrian newspapers have not carried any reports of Assad's condition, but have published letters and messages from Syria and abroad wishing him a full and speedy recovery. No films or pictures of Assad have been televised in Syria since he was hospitalized, a fact thought to be important by observers.

Ata deplores delay in gov't aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt yesterday again assured the ailing Ata textile firm that it will not have to close.

But the firm's management said that Patt's assurances will not keep the company from going under — possibly in as little as 48 hours.

Members of Ata's works committee held private talks with Patt in Jerusalem and were assured that a solution to the company's crisis is in the offing.

At the same time management has told the workers that promises are not enough to keep the company's factories open. "Unless there is really some positive action within the next two days Ata will close of its own accord," company secretary Emanuel Solomonov told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

He said there had been nothing but talk since management submitted its request for a government-subsidized loan six weeks ago.

General manager David Arbel told the works committee on Tuesday that several of the company's major customers abroad would not renew their order contracts, which are due to expire soon, unless Ata's difficulties were resolved.

Eitan: Arabs who don't serve shouldn't vote

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan last night said that Arabs who do not serve in the army or in equivalent national service should be denied the right to vote.

Eitan, speaking in a Jerusalem meeting of the Tzomet movement, recently founded, said "voting in Israel is a prize," which should be given to those who disagree with the state and do not serve in the army or in equivalent national service should be denied the right to determine what kind of state we wish, he said. He later added that thought the vote should also be denied to those Jews, as well as Arabs, who do not serve the state.

The first meeting of Tzomet in Jerusalem was one of several Eitan is holding throughout the country to inaugurate his new movement.

He was equivocal about whether Tzomet would present candidates in the next Knesset elections, saying he would take this step "if necessary. But he stressed that Tzomet felt several things need changing in the country and that these changes could be accomplished only through "the Knesset and ministers."

Over 300 people attended the meeting.

Syrians deny role in marine deaths

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Damascus radio yesterday strongly denied Syrian involvement in the suicide truck-bombing which killed 239 people at the U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut last month.

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a news conference in Washington on Tuesday night that the bombing had been carried out by Iranians and authorized by the Syrian government.

Damascus Radio said: "The accusation by the U.S. Administration that Syria was behind the bombing of the marines' headquarters in Beirut is false, unobjective and contrary to facts."

The Iranian camp is believed to have been used as a base for the suicide truck-bomb terrorists who attacked U.S., French and Israeli military installations in Lebanon.

Shamir speaks at B-G event

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The swallow of Camp David has not yet brought the hoped-for spring," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night at the official ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion.

Shamir quoted Ben-Gurion as saying there were Jews who did not believe in Zionism and were "inundated with fear and ready to compromise at the expense of the future of the Jewish People." Since Ben-Gurion wrote this, Shamir said, he has continued to strive for a goal — the fulfilment of Zionism and the attainment of Jewish state.

Other speakers at the gathering at the Jerusalem Theatre were MK Ezer Weizman, Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat and Yehoshua Eliezer Broder of New York last night at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

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metal-detecting doors through which every guest had to enter. A buffet offered hot and cold meats, fish and poultry, mountains of sherbet, mousses, cake and fruit. Everything was glatt kosher, with special kosher supervisors hired by Shamir.

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Compound — one of the children lost an "already very loose tooth" when one of the scout leaders embraced the boy after the swearing-in ceremony.

One Beit Hakerem youth familiar with the story said "the whole story was blown out of proportion."

According to police spokesman Pakad Ziv Rotem, four of the youth leaders had been queried by last night, and several of the youngsters had also been questioned by juvenile squad detectives.

Rotem refused to reveal details of the investigation so far, but police sources in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post* that "at least part of what the youth said had some basis in fact."

Meanwhile, the Education Ministry has set up its own inquiry into the events, and has been instructed by director-general Eliezer Shmueli to report back by tomorrow.

And the scouts movement has also set up an inquiry, headed by national chairman Eli Zohar, Zohar, an attorney, told the *Itim*, news agency yesterday that his sources too have confirmed at least part of the story.

Arab council employees go on strike

By YEO YOEL DAR
Special to the Jerusalem Post

NAZARETH. — Employees in over 10 local Arab councils in Galilee and the Little Triangle went on strike this week because they have not received their October salaries, and employees in other Arab villages yesterday threatened to follow suit.

Council chairman stated yesterday that their financial plight would soon compel them to shut high schools and to halt services such as garbage collection.

Officials at the Interior Ministry in the north said that they could not disburse further funds to the local authorities without the permission of the Finance Ministry.

Financial difficulties are reportedly particularly acute in Nazareth, Umm el-Fahm, Saknin, Kafir Yassif and in several Druse villages.

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Inquiry reveals:

'Power grid defects still not rectified'

Defects at the Hadera power station and in other parts of the national electric grid that caused the nationwide blackouts on November 10, have been identified, but not yet corrected.

This emerged from the conclusions of the board of inquiry appointed by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i to investigate the blackout. The conclusions were submitted yesterday morning to Moda'i and were released late last night.

The three-man board, headed by Technion Prof. Avraham Alexandrovitch, found that defects had appeared recently in the control system of the Hadera plant but had not been corrected.

The blackout was caused by a sudden drop in output by one of the 35-megawatt units at Hadera during the early morning hours. This triggered shut-downs in other power stations. Within minutes the entire system closed down.

The board also found that the automatic mechanisms which disconnect consumers from power stations in the event of a technical mis-

hap were not properly adjusted to cope with the low demand when the blackout occurred.

When the initial problem at Hadera occurred, it was found, steps were taken at other power stations that might have aggravated the situation.

Moda'i yesterday ordered the Electric Corporation to shut down one of the two 350-megawatt generators operating at Hadera in order to reduce the input of this station into the national grid and thereby reduce the danger of another total blackout.

He also ordered an adjustment made in the cut-off mechanism intended to prevent other power stations from shutting down automatically in the event of another major power failure.

The minister plans to consult in the next few days with the chairman and managing-director of the Electric Corporation to discuss the report and the steps that should be taken to prevent, insofar as possible, a repetition of the total power failure.

3,000 say 'mazel tov' at wedding of the year

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 3,000 guests attended the wedding reception of Agudat Yisrael leader Avraham Shapira's daughter Rabel and Yehoshua Eliezer Broder of New York last night at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

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Jerusalem scout hazing story may be partly true, police say

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police last night said that "only part" of a story told by a young Beit Hakerem boy scout about violent hazing (bullying) during a recent swearing-in ceremony "may be true."

According to the boy, Gil Yizraeli, 12, scout leaders in their mid-teens beat, threatened and otherwise hazed several of the scouts during the swearing-in ceremony in a cave in the neighbourhood.

About 20 youngsters took part in the event, which involved creeping through the pitch-black cave as scout leaders pounced on the youths. One of the youths was told to lie on his face and "lick the ground," said Gil. Another, Gil said, was told to "masturbate against a tree." Two youths lost a tooth apiece in the ceremony last Saturday night.

However, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that in fact, the youths were told to "hug trees." As far as the lost teeth are concerned, said a Beit Hakerem source close to the scout leaders — who were being questioned last night in the Russian

Compound — one of the children lost an "already very loose tooth" when one of the scout leaders embraced the boy after the swearing-in ceremony.

One Beit Hakerem youth familiar with the story said "the whole story was blown out of proportion."

According to police spokesman Pakad Ziv Rotem, four of the youth leaders had been queried by last night, and several of the youngsters had also been questioned by juvenile squad detectives.

Rotem refused to reveal details of the investigation so far, but police sources in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post* that "at least part of what the youth said had some basis in fact."

Meanwhile, the Education Ministry has set up its own inquiry into the events, and has been instructed by director-general Eliezer Shmueli to report back by tomorrow.

And the scouts movement has also set up an inquiry, headed by national chairman Eli Zohar, Zohar, an attorney, told the *Itim*, news agency yesterday that his sources too have confirmed at least part of the story.

Arab council employees go on strike

By YEO YOEL DAR
Special to the Jerusalem Post

NAZARETH. — Employees in over 10 local Arab councils in Galilee and the Little Triangle went on strike this week because they have not received their October salaries, and employees in other Arab villages yesterday threatened to follow suit.

Council chairman stated yesterday that their financial plight would soon compel them to shut high schools and to halt services such as garbage collection.

Officials at the Interior Ministry in the north said that they could not disburse further funds to the local authorities without the permission of the Finance Ministry.

Financial difficulties are reportedly particularly acute in Nazareth, Umm el-Fahm, Saknin, Kafir Yassif and in several Druse villages.

Seven years for petrol bomb attack

NABLUS (Itim). — Sentences ranging from five to seven years in jail were handed down in the military court here yesterday to three West Bank Arabs found guilty of throwing petrol bombs at buses travelling on roads in the area.

They were also convicted of petrol bombing the home of another West Bank Arab whom the suspected of cooperation with the security forces.

Hussein Hilmi Hamdan, 20, of Arraba, was sentenced to seven years jail and a further five years suspended. Farhi Shauki Abd. Haddi, 18, also of Arraba, and Mahmud Udde Udde, 23, of Biddiye, were both given five years in jail, with suspended sentences of five and three years respectively. The offences were committed last spring.

In handing down sentence, the court noted that it was being severe because it had a duty to ensure that the roads remain freely and safely open to traffic.

The three had endangered the security of the area and the lives of others, the court said.

List of violations by settlers sent to all MKs

The Peace Now movement

yesterday sent to all 120 Knesset members a detailed list of what it says are illegal or provocative actions by Kiryat Arba and Hebron settlers.

The five-page memorandum was meant to show the damage done by armed settlers in the Hebron area.

The list is divided into three parts. The first deals with attacks by settlers on the army; the second with settlers taking the law into their own hands; and the third with violent action undertaken by settlers to take over land or homes belonging to Palestinians.

MK meets Bulgarians

VIENNA (AP). — A Rakah (Communist) delegation led by MK Tzvi Toubi met Tuesday with senior Bulgarian party members in Sofia, the state-run BTA news agency reported.

Discussions reportedly centred on improving relations between the two parties.

Bulgaria, like most Soviet bloc nations, does not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel but ties exist between Israel's Communist Party and those of other Eastern European countries.

Partial solar eclipse

A partial solar eclipse will be seen in Israel on December 4, during the afternoon hours. About 20 per cent of the surface of the face of the sun will be obscured. The public is warned that observing the eclipse without smoked glasses or other protective devices may damage vision. (Itim)

Two dead, several hurt in road accident

AFIKIM (Itim). — Two people were killed and several more injured in a road accident near this kibbutz south of the Kinneret last night. The driver of a truck involved in the three-vehicle accident was held by police for questioning.

3 held in rape case

TIBERIAS (Itim). — Police have arrested three youths suspected of raping a 16-year-old girl from Kibbutz Ginnosar. The girl was brutally raped on Saturday night near the kibbutz.

The local police set up a dragnet and arrested three youths who were driving a pick-up van identified by the victim.

Leap in number of jailed drug offenders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The number of prisoners serving sentences for using or selling drugs has soared from about 4 per cent of all prisoners about three years ago to nearly 28 per cent this year. Many other prisoners have been jailed for drug-related crimes.

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Orgad: Health cuts smaller than others

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said yesterday that patients with means who require what he called "special medical treatment" should be forced to pay part of the cost of the treatment since they can afford to do so.

The minister spoke at the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee which was discussing the financial crisis in the hospitals. Health Minister Eliezer Shostak also attended.

Cohen-Orgad said the Health Ministry's budget had suffered the smallest cut of all the ministries. He noted that many new hospital posts had been created in the past few months and that health expenditure relative to gross national product and also to other budgets on services for the population, had increased over the past decade.

He said health services would

solve their financial problem by eliminating duplication of services and by finding the right ratio of beds to population and of doctors to population.

Shostak said the health of the nation was deteriorating and the incidence of sickness was on the rise.

"We have 10 per cent elderly and 10 per cent disabled. Our population is getting older all the time," Shostak said.

He called on the Treasury to grant special status to the health services. Overtime hours cannot be cut in the health services because they are short of manpower to start with, he said.

"Committee chairman Menahem Porush said it was pointless to allocate the Health Ministry an annual budget based on 90 per cent inflation and tell it to make do as best it could, when all over the world health outlay far outstripped all the cost of living indices."



Actor Haim Topol, who returned to Israel recently, shows his newly published autobiography to fellow passengers on the plane home. Topol has started filming a BBC documentary on Israel, based on the book. (Katz)

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein and Asher Wallfish

David Levy to issue report soon on Israel's Druse

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said yesterday that the government has appointed an *ad hoc* ministerial committee to consider the problems of the Druse community.

Replying to motions for the agenda on equal rights for the Druse, he said that the committee, which he heads, would begin meeting soon. He promised that it would work intensively and submit its conclusions to the Knesset.

Amnon Linn (Alignment) said that the Druse, "our brothers-in-arms," do not have the feeling that they have a future in this country. If this is not changed, they could succumb, particularly the educated among them, to "harmful foreign influences."

Amal Nasr e-Din (Likud-Herut), himself a Druse, asked: "What else do we have to do to win your complete trust?" He said that no Druse had ever been appointed to a senior government post, even though a number of former Druse senior army officers are idle. The quiet among the Druse, following the bombing at Tyre, might well be the calm before the storm, he warned.

Levy praised the loyalty and devotion of the Druse. He had paid condolence visits to bereaved families after the Tyre outrage, to give them courage. But it turned out that the mourners had strengthened him, he said.

The Druse are decidedly not

second-class citizens, Levy said, and the attitude towards them is not "respect him but suspect him," as Nasr e-Din had said.

He said that much has already been done for the Druse. Thus, with respect to housing, the assistance given to discharged Druse soldiers is identical with that given to their Jewish counterparts and in the last three years 300 housing units a year were built.

He agreed that a full-scale debate be held on the subject, in which the government would present the decisions of the ministerial committee. The House so voted.

Chief Rabbis' trip

Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Alignment), in a motion for the agenda, charged the Religious Affairs Ministry with having mis-handled the recent visit of Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu to the U.S.

Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg replied that the rabbis had gone to the U.S. at the invitation of Orthodox organizations, and therefore their trip did not come under the *segit* of the Foreign Ministry. And the Religious Affairs Ministry, he said, is not a travel agency.

Nevertheless, there had been no dishonour, and the visit was a fruit-

A SPIN ON THE RED SEA

UK couple's boat leak leads to Akaba 'rescue'

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A pleasure trip turned into a nightmare for a British couple staying in Eilat. What began as a spin in a motorboat on the Red Sea ended with company director Richard Gosling, 31, and advertising executive Sheila Campbell, 29, bailing for their lives under the guns of an Israeli patrol vessel.

Back at the Laguna Hotel yesterday, the couple described how they set out in the hired motorboat on Tuesday morning and discovered it had sprung a leak.

As the couple struggled to stay afloat a Jordanian fishing vessel came by and offered to rescue them. "I wasn't very keen," said Gosling. "But we didn't have much choice."

The fishermen took the couple and their boat to the military section of the port of Akaba.

The couple were taken to the local military HQ where, still clad only in swimwear, they were questioned first by a major and then by a general.

"The general was very polite, as were all the Jordanians who dealt with us," said Gosling. "But he said he wanted to fly us to Amman. In the end we persuaded him to let us return to Eilat."

The Jordanians refuelled their boat and escorted them until they reached Israeli waters. By this time it was dark and Gosling and Campbell were horrified to see that water was again pouring into their boat.

Finally an Israeli gunboat came into sight and, the captain, after training its gun on them, realized they were in trouble and escorted them back to the beach.

The exhausted couple landed their boat and staggered back to the hotel, 12 hours after setting out. "We felt like collapsing but instead we went out to dinner to celebrate," said Gosling.



Agged driver Shmuel Ben-Zeev (right) yesterday receives a certificate merit from Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, commander of the southern police district, for "exemplary initiative and bravery" in preventing an accident on November 15. Ben-Zeev was driving 52 passengers from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv when a young Gaza resident, reportedly pressed due to failing his exams, seized the wheel and tried to drive the bus off the steep drop at the side of the road. Ben-Zeev fought off the youth and kept the bus on the road. (Rahamim Israeli)

Settlers eye site in Negev

By LIORA MOREL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — One hundred people who 25 years ago bought land at Hirbet Hura in the Yotv region, 16 kilometres northeast of here, have formed an association for establishing a Jewish settlement there.

At present, 3,000 Beduin live at Hirbet Hura, in a settlement that has homes, roads and schools.

Yosef Salim, 60, of Beersheba, who is deputy chairman of the association, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the landowners are willing to take alternative land elsewhere for their settlement, but that so far no authority has shown an interest in them.

But the association's lawyer, Ya'acov Marash, said the association has been advised to draw up a plan for the proposed settlement and for representation to the regional planning commission. However, he said, association members have failed to do so because of the costs involved.

"Legally, there is no doubt that the land is theirs," Marash said. "It is only a matter of realizing their rights over the land."

Mesulam Rhein, head of the agricultural department of the Israel Lands Administration, agrees. "They can present a plan to the regional planning commission," he said. "The administration has no claim over the land and has made sure that the Beduin have no claim on it by only leasing it to them for 10 months at a time."

Id Revisionist on Arlosoroff 'hit team'

LAVIV (Itim). — An 80-year-old Tuesday told the commission estimating the 1933 murder of our leader Haim Arlosoroff that had been picked by two revisionist leaders to perform the killing.

Israel Yardeni of Ra'anana also testified that he was one of the leaders of Swedish mediator Ant Folke Bernadotte in 1948. He said he had refused to kill Arlosoroff because he did not want to "become a medium," but only tried to act on his own.

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are cancelled
Ticket money will be refunded at points where tickets were purchased.

SIREN. — A siren will be sounded nationwide today at 10.30 a.m. to send all the country's schoolchildren to shelters in a special civil defence exercise for schools. Pupils will remain in the shelters for between 30 and 40 minutes and will leave them by the emergency exits.

Specialist care for Ethiopians

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Ethiopian immigrants only leave their absorption centres after receiving a clean bill of health, following careful screening for a number of diseases that are rare or unknown in Israel. The health personnel working with the immigrants are fully briefed to ensure that they do not become infected, according to Dr. Ya'acov Nahmias, head of the Histadrut health fund's specialist team dealing with the Ethiopian newcomers.

Nahmias said most of the Ethiopian immigrants had never received modern medical care before arriving here.

As many as 96 per cent of Ethiopian immigrants have Hepatitis B — a contagious viral disease causing inflammation of the liver, Nahmias said. Nearly 55 per cent had some form of filarial (worm) disease, such as schistosomiasis, or harbour parasites like hook worm. The health fund has purchased drugs from the U.S. and West Germany.

Peres to parley

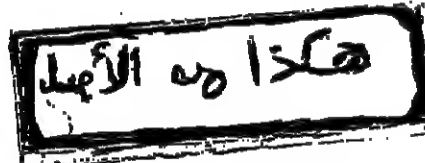
The presidium of the Socialist International will hold a closed discussion on the situation in Lebanon during its meeting in Brussels today, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport.

The special session has been convened at the request of the international's vice-president, Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt.

Peres, en route to participate in the presidium meeting, said there

Probe of jaundice in Her

HERZLIYA (Itim). — The Health Ministry is investigating an outbreak of jaundice among 11th-grade pupils in the municipal high school here. Ten pupils began showing symptoms of the illness two weeks



Care for the aged

Menahem Porush, chairman of the Knesset Social Affairs Committee, yesterday accused the government of trying to transform the law on home care for the elderly and infirm into "an empty shell."

Porush told Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad at the committee meeting that the ministries are exploiting the fact that the resources already put aside to implement the law have been limited, to jettison the principle of general insurance for such home care.

"They want to make it into one more welfare service," Porush told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Pension transfers

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said yesterday that the Treasury would see what it could do to ensure that workers who are fired will be able to protect the value of their severance pay.

Replying to a motion for the agenda by Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui), the minister agreed that the present arrangements were not sufficient to cope with the large devaluation and price rises of October.

He said that arrangements already exist for the transfer of severance pay to the pension fund of the new place of work, and the Treasury would look into this aspect

of the problem to ensure the continuity of the worker's rights.

In the event that the worker does not get another job (or gets one with an employer without a pension fund) but wishes to invest his severance pay in a provident fund without loss of rights, the Treasury would see what was required to facilitate this.

Biton in Rabat

Speaker Menahem Savidor said yesterday he would write a letter to King Hassan of Morocco in the next few days, thanking the king for having given an audience to Charlie Biton (DFPE).

Savidor said this in granting Biton's request to report to the plenum soon on his visit to Morocco earlier in the month, when Hassan received him for a 35-minute conversation.

quest used against Israeli

route. But the Turkish authorities have declared that they have the prerogative to try Hilwani first.

According to Hilwani's brother, Ya'acov, the jailed Hilwani is in the notorious Istanbul prison and could face execution if convicted on charges of heroin smuggling. However, police sources in Israel, while conceding that Turkish law allows execution for such crimes, add that Turkey has yet to execute a foreigner.

Nitzav Yehzekel Carly, head of Criminal Investigation for the Israeli police, said yesterday that Israel "is always prepared to help any country in the difficult war on drugs." According to Carly, Interpol's regulations make such cooperation mandatory.

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migrant couple.

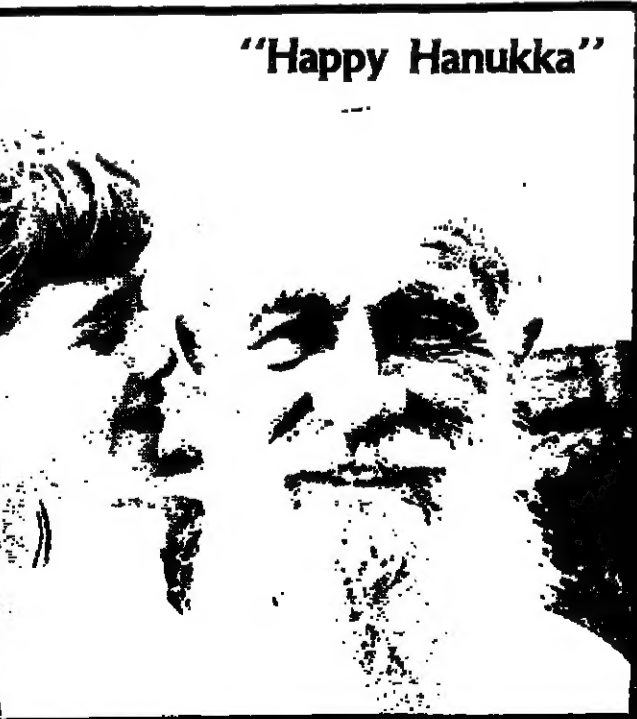
The case had frustrated police for over a year and many details are still obscure due to a news blackout imposed by the hearing judge to avert publicity which might prevent a fair trial.

However, it appears that the victims, the accused, and an additional suspect all had business dealings in expensive cars and lived in adjoining communities in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles.

Paulie is accused of murdering the two families during burglaries of their homes, the Davises in March 1982 and the Salomons in October 1982. Since these dates, none of the alleged victims has been seen. Before the news blackout, police stated that, acting on a tip by Paulie, they have been combing a high desert area near Los Angeles for the bodies of the Salomon family.

The 35-year-old Salomon came to the U.S. around 1970. He ran a fire-extinguisher business in Los Angeles and dabbled in buying and selling expensive cars.

Paulie is being held without bail pending arraignment on December 6. If convicted, he could face death in the gas chamber or life imprisonment.



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* Handel: Concerto Grosso Op. 3 No. 2
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Yosef Begun—Teach in Chains

RALLY OF SUPPORT

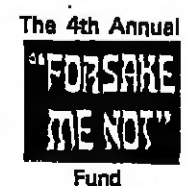
by Ulpian Students and Tehila Centres

A Rally of Support will be held on Sunday, November 27, 1983 by ulpian students and Tehila centres at Kikar Melchai Yisrael, in Tel Aviv. The rally will take place between 12 noon and 1 p.m.

Speakers:
Rabbi Menahem Hacohen MK
Representative of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry
Dr. Avraham Tsivion, Director, Adult Education Dept., Ministry of Education and Culture
Dr. Haim Margulis
Ze'ev Itzhak, Katherine Berman, ulpian students

At the conclusion of the rally, participants will be requested to sign a petition for the release of Yosef Begun.

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confession of Captain Kang Min Chul.

The Burmese officials said Kang, 29, Major Jin No, who also is facing trial, and the dead officer, Capt. Kim Chi Oh, were members of a reconnaissance unit stationed at Kaesong, near the border with South Korea, and were ordered by a Gen. Tse Chin Su to proceed to Rangoon for the assassination attempt.

A murder conviction is punishable by death. The two also face charges of attempted murder and illegal possession of weapons.

American organizations have decided to pool resources to raise funds for the Greek lobby campaign for Cyprus.

In New Delhi, Cypriot President Spyros Kyrianiou, who was to have addressed the opening session of the British Commonwealth conference yesterday, sent a message which said that the Turkish Cypriot move was a "challenge to the Commonwealth, of which Cyprus is a dedicated member." Kyrianiou asked Commonwealth leaders to support the UN Security Council decision demanding a withdrawal of the independence declaration.

(AP, Reuter)

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IF MINISTER without Portfolio Sara Doron has her way, there will be a full-fledged ministry of women's affairs in the not-too-distant future.

"This is definitely the direction in which we should be working," said Doron in an exclusive interview with *The Jerusalem Post* in her Jerusalem office. "In France, Germany and the Scandinavian countries, ministries of women's affairs already exist. I believe that Israel should also have one too."

Since the 61-year-old Liberal MK took her seat in the cabinet almost five months ago, a new prime minister came to office, the finance minister resigned, there have been elections and, she said, "I am waiting for the storm to calm down a little. Then I will make an appointment with the prime minister to discuss the idea of a woman's ministry."

The third woman in Israel's history to belong to the cabinet, Doron is keenly aware of the social and economic problems facing women.

"If I were minister of women's affairs, I would do many of the things I am planning to do now. But I could do more and I could do it more efficiently," Doron explained.

"Take legislation for instance. I am organizing a committee of five lawyers who will advise me about laws that have been passed and are not enforced, and bills that need to be pushed through. The committee will also suggest new legislation that will improve the status of women."

"When the committee comes up with suggestions, I — in my present capacity — have to approach the minister whose field they pertain to, and work with him."

"As minister of women's affairs, however, I could push legislation through more directly."

Does Doron fear that "pushing through" legislation on women's status in the Knesset will conflict with interests as a member of the coalition?

"For any law to be passed, you need a coalition majority. All the other ministers have the same problem. Each one has his own interests which may, at times, get in the way of so-called coalition politics," she responded. "With women's legislation, or any other legislation I might choose to promote — and I will work in other

areas besides women's affairs, of course — if at first I don't succeed, I'll try, try again!"

Enacting laws to help women can be accomplished in a relatively short amount of time. But changing social attitudes towards the female half of the population, says Doron, is an entirely different story.

"You know, I am a little bitter because I think that men regard the whole idea of women's rights as unimportant. They think it is a waste of time. But if there were subordination of men," she said, smiling, "then you'd really see investigation and action!"

Changing attitudes, the minister asserted, "is one of the hardest problems we must deal with. The law will be ineffective if a conducive atmosphere does not exist. Improving the situation of women means educating people from kindergarten age on."

"There is something subconscious in society's attitudes toward women which must be changed. For instance, in the workplace, women rarely hold high positions. But part of the problem is that women themselves do not want or try to attain such positions."

Doron predicts that educating people to accept that women can succeed in managerial or leadership roles will take a lot of time.

"Look at the Knesset. We have only nine women there. That has pretty much remained static. For years, there has been no big change, no improvement. Something must be done about this."

Doron plans to encourage women to become active in voluntary organizations and, particularly, in municipal politics. For her as for many MKs today, municipal politics was the stepping stone to the Knesset. "It was the best kind of preparation I could get, and I strongly recommend it. (Doron spent nine years on Tel Aviv's municipal council before entering the national political arena.)"

"We need to start working toward the next elections," she went on. "It's true that the number of women on municipal councils doubled in the last elections, but we still don't have one woman mayor! There are some 147 councils in the country, some with more than 30 members, and out of all those members, only just over 60 — a tiny percentage — are women!"



Ministering to women

Minister for Women's Affairs — that is the aim of Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron. She discusses her ideas and plans for improving the status of women with the Post's Amy Levinson.

Women should be encouraged "individually and through all the political parties" to become involved at the municipal level, the minister said. She has come up with a plan that will kill two birds with one stone — that will both ease the way for women who want to enter politics, and will put women's issues on city council agendas.

"I have sent letters to all the mayors suggesting a plan to have them set up women's committees composed of women members of the municipal councils and other women from the community," Doron explained.

The status of women, social

welfare, family problems, the quality of life and the environment — these are just a few of the matters these mayoral advisory groups will consider. "Each women's committee will have its own special projects, depending on the nature of the city and the community's interests," she said.

The minister has been pleased thus far by the reaction to her suggestion. The mayors of Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Herzliya and Dimona are among those who have expressed a willingness to establish local women's committees. (Haifa has had such a body for some time already.)

Work with women's and other community-oriented volunteer groups, Doron stressed, is another excellent way to develop leadership capabilities and experience that can be useful in political life. "The more established institutions," she asserted, must support the activities of such groups. She personally has pledged to work closely with the myriad women's organizations in the country, and emphasizes that their support is crucial to the success of her programmes.

Last month she established a forum comprised of representatives from the whole spectrum of women's organizations, who will

meet with her and Ethia Simha, adviser to the prime minister on the status of women, to work on various projects.

First on the agenda is working together with Col. Amira Dotan, head of the army's women's corps, to suggest and organize programmes for young women between the ages of 16 and 21.

According to the minister, within the forum framework, the women's organizations and Dotan will plan programmes that are ordinarily not included in the Women's Corps budget — including lectures on health, life after the army in the family and in the workplace, and so on. Members of the organizations who are knowledgeable in such subjects will volunteer their time to speak to the soldiers, and some may go so far as to train teenage girls before army service in skills which will "prepare them to do more than just be clerks and secretaries."

Doran and Dotan see the thousands of women who belong to Na'amat, WIZO, the Israel Association of University Women and various other organizations as a valuable resource that must be tapped. "I also hope that these women can help the soldiers upon completion of their service, and counsel them as to future possibilities in terms of studying and working. There must be some sort of follow-up programme for these women soldiers," Doron stressed.

The forum will also discuss ways to deal with the problems of working women — a matter of particular concern to Doron.

"I would like to see more women in more fields and in higher positions. More women should be working in industries, including those that are science-based. We must establish programmes to train them in technical skills and to motivate them to work. We need to work with the management of our local industries to improve work conditions — perhaps to offer women shorter work days, more flexible hours, evening work, day-care facilities nearby and so on."

The minister's interest in the status of working women has taken her around the country to the factories and offices of a wide range of businesses for a first-hand look at the situation. (For a report of one such industrial survey, see article this page.)

Improving the image of women in the media is another of Doron's goals. "If the Citrus Marketing Board or any other organization chooses to use an advertisement that is as cheap and offensive to women as the grapefruit ad on television last year, we will simply have to organize a boycott. You can't do anything else in a case like that — just call for an all-out boycott," she insisted. Also, newspapers who run discriminatory ads and thus violate the Equal Opportunities in Employment Law — which Doron helped to push through the Knesset — should, in her view, be brought to court and punished.

Although constructive action is the thrust of Doron's programme to improve the status of women, she also believes that research and discussion have their place. Doron's personal adviser, Ruth Ben-Tsur, together with academicians and leading members of local women's organizations, are planning a series of symposia on women and family life, based on the White House Conference on the Family established during the Carter administration in the U.S.

Experts from around the world have already been invited to participate in the lectures, workshops and panel discussions that have been planned for the first such event, scheduled for next spring. According to Ben-Tsur, the two-day symposium will focus on the status of women in the Jewish family: the Jewish family in different Diaspora communities; the past, present and future of the Jewish family, and related topics.

"We have enough topics for six or seven symposia," said Ben-Tsur. "We want this to become an international event, an institution."

Indeed, Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron hopes that many of her activities will have a long-lasting impact, and that women in high positions in government and non-government bodies will become "institutions."

"I believe that now that there is a woman minister in our government, it will be hard to create a government in the future without one. I think people would feel uneasy about it," she said. "Every time you conquer a new area, you set a precedent from which it is impossible to retreat afterwards."

WOMEN working on sewing machines seven hours a day take home a net salary of IS14,000 a month; factory managers complain that arranging an afternoon shift to make life easier for working mothers is too expensive; the number of women in managerial positions in industry is practically nil — these were some of the things Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron learned during a tour of Jerusalem factories earlier this week.

The tour, arranged by the Jerusalem Economic Corporation Ltd. (JEC) and open to the press, was one of a series of visits Doron is making around the country to assess the situation of women in industry. During these visits, she says, she is slowly getting the picture of conditions, salaries, schedules and the status of women, while formulating plans in the event of a jobs crisis.

At a briefing before her tour, Doron was told by Allan Karpatz, managing director of the JEC (a 35-year-old company which has helped finance some 87 per cent of the capital's industrial plants) that, "there are about 1,200 factories — most of them relatively small — in industrial areas in Jerusalem. These include Makor Baruch, Romema, Talpiot, Atarot, Givat Shaul, Har Hotzvim (near Sanhedria) and Mishor Adumim. Out of a population of approximately 420,000, some 12 per cent work in industry. With new factories — some of them belonging to international science-based companies — being built, we have to encourage more people and, particularly, more women to work in those industries."

Especially in the case of religious families, women are often the sole

breadwinners. According to JEC chairman of the board Ari Raz, "we have to be aware of the needs of these women and to encourage them to work. For instance, the JEC is now planning to build a children's day-care centre in one of the industrial areas which we hope will be a prototype for other centres in future."

With an eye to work conditions and the number of female workers, Doron and her entourage first visited Polgat's Lady Bagir clothing factory in Talpiot. An equal number of men and women sat at the long rows of sewing machines and at ironing boards and finishing tables, with huge heaps of pin-striped skirt and blazer pieces in stacks around them.

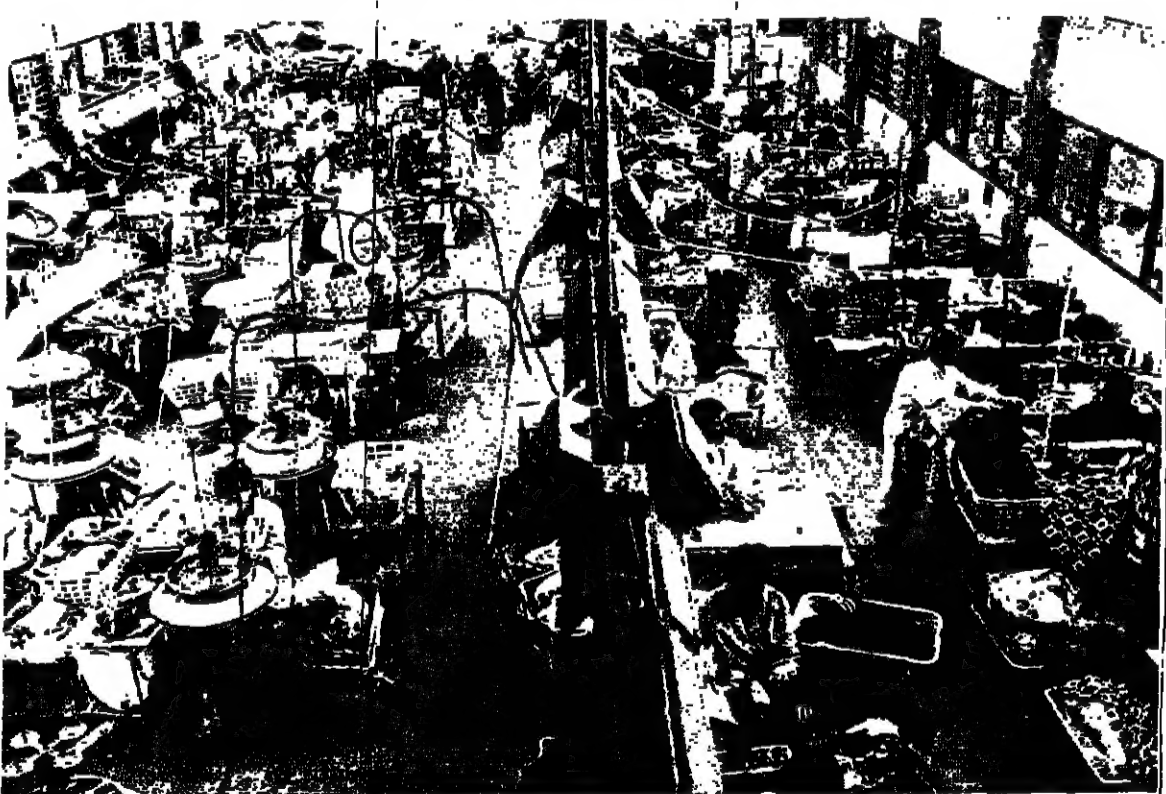
The minister was taken aback when the plant's manager, Moti Shaul, told her that the average worker's net salary was about IS20,000. One young woman told the press that she earned IS14,000 a month — the cost of about three Lady Bagir skirts — and paid all but IS2,000 of that to day-care centres for her two children.

"Why should a young woman come to work here — what is her motivation? And why isn't there an afternoon shift which could make life easier for women? It also seems to me that this might be good work for middle-aged women to do but I see few here," said Doron. Shaul admitted that there is a problem of motivation, but insisted that in general, people feel that it doesn't pay to work because they can get such high unemployment checks if they stay home.

"I can't get any more for my products, most of which are sent abroad," he added. "And a second shift is just too expensive. We do give our workers many benefits,

Tightening the (conveyor) belt

The situation of women working in the industrial sector gave Minister Doron some food for thought. Amy Levinson accompanied her on a tour of some Jerusalem factories this week.



"What is her motivation?... A woman's life at a factory conveyor belt."

such as two subsidized meals a day, a 13th month salary, gifts twice a year, organized trips and so on. And men and women, do earn the same thing. With present economic con-

ditions, how can we raise salaries?"

Elav Cohen, head of the Keter Publishing House in Givat Shaul, greeted Doron with a fact-sheet on

women workers and a stack of books on and by women, written in half-a-dozen languages. While escorting the minister and company through Keter's sophisticated

printing press, photo-montage and production rooms, Cohen introduced Doron to the head of the company's international division and its personnel department — both women.

He explained that employees with two or more children work shorter days, and some even have word-processors at home for their convenience. Typesetters at Keter are all women who have undergone training programmes. While most of the workers in the Keter press and cutting-rooms are men, most of the company's editorial staff is female — a fact which interested Doron who was, on the whole, satisfied with the working situation at Keter.

On the way out, Cohen showed the minister the grassy area set aside for the six-week summer camp Keter organizes for its workers' children.

Doron was less enthusiastic about the situation at Oppenheimer Jerusalem Sweets Ltd., where she heard from Asher (the company's founder) and his son Moshe Oppenheimer that few women work on the chocolate and marzipan production lines. The minister was told that work begins at 7 a.m. and the shift is eight-and-a-half hours long.

"Women just don't want to work hours like that, and we can't put on another shift," the younger Oppenheimer explained to his guests, who were sampling some of the company's tasty products. "In general we have problems getting workers here."

Next was a quick visit to the Ballet Boutique, run by former Australians Eva and Haim Segal in Givat Shaul. Women comprise 90 per cent of the workers in the small factory, which produces ballet shoes and costumes for prestigious

dance and opera companies abroad. Doron was told that women of all ages are employed by the Boutique and are allowed to work flexible hours.

The last stop on the factory tour was at Biodex in the Har Hotzvim science-based industries area. According to Biodex managing director Shaul Soreni, the company develops, manufactures and markets medical diagnostic systems used for checking cases of thyroid malfunction, neonatal jaundice and other conditions.

"You are opening a whole new world to me," Doron said as she was taken around the quiet Biodex laboratories and assembly lines. Of the plant's 180 workers — many of whom work together with Hebrew University scientists and have second and third degrees in biology and related fields — approximately one-half are women, Soreni said. When the minister inquired how many women were in managerial positions, he admitted there was none, but emphasized that some of the highest-ranking laboratory staff members are women, including a young Chinese woman named Lynn Wong — a department head.

"I am extremely impressed by what I see here," Doron said in a short speech following "a typical workers' lunch in the Biodex dining-room. 'I don't think people have any idea what is going on in our science-based industries. In general, I believe that women have a place in the industrial sector — and the industrial sector has a place for them!'"

A report on the looming threat of unemployment of women will appear in the Today page next week.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8:15 Jewish 8:40 English 7:00
Arithmetic 4:25 English 6:10 10:10 Elementary School Science 10:30 Sumsum Street 11:00 Math 5:11:15 Geography 5:6 11:45 Advice and Guidance 7:9 12:05 Science 7:8 12:30 High School Literature 13:00 Geography 7:9 13:30 French 15:00 Battle of the Planets 15:30 Sumsum Street 16:00 This is It — live youth magazine 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 Special programme with the stars of Fame
18:20 Short Film
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18:30 News roundup
18:32 Situation
18:45 Cartoons
19:01 Meeting — current affairs
19:30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a news roundup
20:02 Match of the Week
20:10 The Muppet Show — with guest star Kaye Ballard
21:00 Mahat Newsweek
21:30 Documentary on Pyramids in Mexico
22:30 Partners in Crime, starring James Warwick and Francesca Annis
23:00 Meetings — bi-weekly programme of encounters between groups of people who usually have no opportunity to talk to one another
23:30 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17:30 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 19:00 News in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:10 News in Arabic 20:30 Are You Being Served 21:10 Love Boat 22:00 News in English 22:15 Movie of the Week

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
18:02 Musical Clock
18:07 Herbert Toy March: Massenet
Scene: Roush: Lazy Monday (Meir Rimon, Ivalet Philharmonic, David Aronov, Adeline, Warsaw Concerto (Daniel Adini): Offenbach: La Vie Parisienne Overture: Chabrier: Polish Holiday, Tchaikovsky: Francesca da Rimini (Israel Philharmonic, Bernstein): Brahms Double Concerto (Perlman, Rostropovich, Heifetz): Vaughan-Williams: On Wenlock Edge: Gershwin: Concerto in F (Previn): Schubert: Symphony No.6 (Israel Philharmonic, Nieuhaus): Stravinsky: Agon (London Sinfonietta, Alharoni, Ami Mayani): The Legend of the Three and Four, scenes from the ballet (Jerusalem Symphony, Uri Segal): Ravel: Daphnis et Chloe, Complete Ballet (Dallas, Mata)
19:05 Light Classics by Rossini, Beethoven, Holst, Ravel, Smetana, Boccherini, Meyerbeer and Rimsky
19:07 The History of Music
19:30 Youth Programme
19:30 Prokofiev: Sonata No.6, Op.82 (Boris Segalovitch): Marlene: Cello Sonata No.2 (Emmanuel Gruber, Emmanuel Kravitsky): Menahem Tzur: Flute Quartet (Nusim Buchman, Jerusalem String Trio): Brahms: Violin Sonata No.3, Op.108 (Rohert Davidovich, Marina Bunderkova)
19:05 Famous Artist in Historical Performances (repeats)
20:00 Concert Preview
20:30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra
20:30 Overture: Oriental Ballet (Uri Segal, cello, Menahem Tzur, Bernstein): Kaddish, Symphony No.3 (Hanna Marron,

Sheila Armstrong, South Bavaria and Harbin, China, Gary Berdini: Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No.3 (Mark Selzer): Haydn: Symphony No.92 (Pavel Berglund)
21:00 The Life of Jacques Offenbach (part 6, repeat)
00:10 Musical Miniatures

First Programme
6:30 Programmes for Olim
7:30 Light Classical Music — Works by Weber, Offenbach, Albeniz, Jerome Kern, Richard Rogers, Bernstein and others
9:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
10:05 Encounter — live family magazine
11:10 Elementary School Broadcasts
11:30 Education for all
12:05 Sephardi songs
13:00 News in English
13:30 News in French
14:05 Children's Programmes
14:30 Speaker's Podium
15:53 News on a New Road
16:05 Middle East Crossroads
17:12 Jewish Ideas
17:20 Everyman's University
18:05 Afternoon Classics
18:47 Bible Reading — Chronicles II, 19
19:05 *Bufo's Hamster*
19:30 Programme for Olim
22:05 Tradition
23:05 A Friend from the Same Planet

Second Programme
6:30 Editorial Review
6:54 Green Light — drivers' corner
7:00 This Morning — news magazine
8:05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor
10:10 All Shades of the Ethod — morning magazine
12:05 Open line — news and music
13:00 Midday — news and music
14:05 Matters of Interest
16:10 Safe Journey
17:10 Economics Magazine

7:25 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine
8:05 Any Questions?
8:45 Today in Sport
9:05 Today — radio newsweek
9:30 This Week in the Knesset
10:05 Roots — folklore magazine
11:10 Hebrew songs
12:05 Yiddish songs
13:05 Night Games

Army
6:00 Morning Sounds
6:30 University on the Air
7:07 "707" — with Alex Anzli
8:05 Morning Newsweek
9:05 Right Now — with Rafi Restef
11:05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yisraeli
13:05 Two Hours
15:05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16:05 Four in the Afternoon
17:05 Evening Newsweek
18:05 Economics Magazine
19:05 Music Today — music magazine
20:05 Israeli Hit Parade
21:00 Mahat — TV Newsweek
21:35 University on the Air (repeat)
22:05 Popular songs
23:05 From the Classical Record Shelf
00:05 Night Birds — songs, chat.

EASY HEBREW FOR IMMIGRANTS
Radio 1st weekdays 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Saturdays 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Lagoon: Road Gregory's Girl: Sunday: Officer and Gentleman 7:15; Blagued Ha'ma: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence 8:45; 9: Cinema One: American Gigolo 6:45; 9: Cinema Two: Mad Dog Morgan 7:15; 9:30: Ramat Gan: War Games 7:15, 9:30.

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Already: Trail of the Pink Panther; Ben-Yehuda: Lone Wolf Macquade; Chen 1: Trading Places 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Chen 3: Blue Thunder 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Chen 4: Canery Row 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Mat: Life of Brian 10.30, 1.30; Chen 5: Big George 10.30, 1.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Cinema One: First Blood: Dekel: Mad Dugan Returns 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: Breathless 7.15, 9.30; Flash Gordon 5.30; Sex film, midnight; Eastern New York Nights: Get Psycho II 4.30, 7.30; Gordon: Danton 4.30, 7.30; Hot: Baby Love 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Lay 1: Local Hero 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30, 1.15; The Way We Were 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Lamer: Le Choix des Armes 4.30, 7.30; Maxima: Yancy: Megabol: War Games 4.30, 9.30; Orly: A Deadly Summer 4.15, 7.30; Paris: Nagui 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peer: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence: Shafit: Flash Dance; Studio: Class: Tchelet: My Favourite Year; Tel Aviv Museum: Yot: Zafar: To Begin Again: Tazari: Eighty Three 9.30; Beth Hatefutsa: Tell Me a Riddle 8.30.

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatres Vanoni: Amos: Psycho II: Amos: New York Nights 6.45, 9; Cinema: Flash Dance: Golan: Bird with the Crystal Wing 10, 2, 6; Passion Possessed 12, 4, 8; Moriah: Hopscotch 6.45, 9; Orly: Breathless; Orly: Desire for Happiness 6.45; Orly: War Games 6.45, 9; Peer: Local Hero: Ron: Up Your Anchor; Shavit: To Begin Again 6.45, 9.

RAMAT GAN
Amos: Son of Gonniva 4; Psycho II 7, 9.30; Lily: Class 7.15, 9.30; Oasis: Trading Places 4, 7.15, 9.15; Orly: Baby Love 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: War Games 7.15, 9.30.

HERZLIYA
Devir: Year of Living Dangerously 7.15, 9.30; Thet: Midnight Express 7.15, 9.30.

HOLON
Migdal: War Games 7.15, 9.30; Black Tulip 4.30; Sawy: Totale 4, 7.15, 9.30.

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Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-5. At 11: Guided tour in English. 3:30: Children's Film, "Anne". Tomorrow: Main Museum 10-2. At 11: Guided tour of Rockefeller Museum in English.

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'Give us free land and we'll slash prices 50%' — builders

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A change of its land policy by the government could halve the price of new flats, the Contractors and Builders Association of Jerusalem says.

At a recent meeting with Dov Shilansky, deputy-minister in the Prime Minister's Office, leaders of the organization pledged to cut their prices by half if the State Lands Administration would make publicly owned building plots available at no cost.

Shilansky, who is charged with discouraging emigration and assisting returning Israelis, showed interest in the offer. The so-called "Jerusalem Lobby" of Knesset Members from the capital is now preparing a list of state-owned building plots in the capital for the

builders.

The contractors, headed by Mordechai Yona and Yehuda Israel, also said they would build ample rental housing if state-owned land were allocated on a no-cost basis.

Shimon Spiegel, a prominent Jerusalem contractor, said the private builders — if given the land and exempted from various municipal licence fees (such as for sewers, paving, and water) — could produce "virtually free" housing for newly married couples and other persons eligible for state housing assistance.

This would come about since the generous first mortgages offered by the Ministry of Housing and Construction, plus complementary loans available in Jerusalem, would cover the entire cost of a flat.

IS4 million for anti-litter campaign

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Four of the biggest firms involved in the soft-drink industry announced yesterday they are jointly giving IS4 million for educational projects to persuade the public not to litter the country with empty bottles and cans.

Representatives of Coca-Cola, Tempo, Phoenixia and the Israel Can Co. told the Knesset Interior Committee they would also help organize a permanent fund to combat such littering.

However, they said they would object to any proposal, if raised,

making manufacturers legally obliged to collect disposable containers.

The committee was discussing a private bill by three MKs, Aharon Nahmias (Alignment), Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) and Meir Shitrit (Likud), to make the owners of vehicles legally liable for all junk and litter thrown or dumped from them, as well as for abandoning their vehicles instead of leaving them in an official junkyard.

The committee devoted time to the bottle and can litter problem at Rubinstein's request.

Shitrit and Nahmias are both mayors (Yavne, Safad).

Furniture maker may lay off staff

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The furniture industry is already feeling the economic pinch. People are buying less furniture today than several months ago, Avraham Schwartz, joint general manager of Aminach Bedding and Furniture Industry yesterday told a press tour of his plant at Moshav Nir Zvi, east of here.

Schwartz said that unless there is an improvement in this trend within six weeks, he will have to lay off ten per cent of his work force. "If the situation gets worse, we will have to

fire an additional ten per cent."

Amnon Schwartz, also a joint general manager, said that their company is the second-largest in the industry in Israel. He thinks that the larger plants will be able to weather the recession better than the smaller ones. "Some of the small plants and carpentry shops will not be able to keep their heads above water," he said.

Moshe Avidar, the chief furniture buyer of the Shekem chain of stores, said that after a market study his company decided to order Aminach mattresses, which are on special sale this month.

Inflation catches up with small claims courts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The maximum disputed sum that can be brought to the small claims court will be raised as of January 1, 1984.

At present cases involving up to IS60,000 can be brought to this court. But because of inflation the Histadrut-affiliated Central Con-

sumer Authority has demanded that this sum be raised to at least IS100,000.

Recently Nuzhat Katzav, the chairman of the authority, wrote to the Ministry of Justice on this matter and received a promise from one of the minister's aides that the sum would be raised, starting in January.

Fly-weight plane makes debut here

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — An ultralight airplane shown in Israel for the first time yesterday is expected to bring about an "agricultural revolution" by reducing the cost of crop-dusting drastically, representatives of the companies which will market the airplane here said.

The FlightStar airplane, which weighs only 120 kilograms and costs \$8,000, is used in the U.S. for sports. In this country it will be adapted for agricultural, police patrol and military purposes, it was reported. It is powered by a Japanese motorcycle engine.

"Eighty years after the Wright Brothers first became airborne, we have put aviation back into the hands of the people. This is an historical turning-point for aviation," said Alan Green, president of Pioneer Systems, which produces the airplane.

Pioneer Systems, which manufactures parachute systems for MASA (the U.S. space programme), is represented in Israel by the Kal-Taviv Aviation Company. Yisrael Weisler, the general manager of Ayit, the company which holds 50



The helmeted pilot strapped into the seat of his FlightStar just after bringing his craft to a taxiing stop at Sde Dov airfield in Tel Aviv yesterday.

per cent of Kal-Taviv's stock, said various sizes of the FlightStar will be marketed here.

Since the FlightStar is cheaper than a tractor, kibbutzim will probably purchase it and have members who are pilots operate it, Weisler said.

The airplane, which is considered among the most advanced of its kind, is equipped with a parachute that opens automatically and can bring pilot and airplane down safely, even from low altitudes. It can take off on a runway only some 15 metres long, fly at a speed of 30 kilometres per hour at a height of up to 6,000 metres. It can also cruise

Ort ready to retrain 10,000 jobless

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Ort network of vocational schools can begin retraining 8,000 to 10,000 persons who may be thrown out of work due to the recession within 40 days after receiving authorization and the financial means.

This was stated yesterday by Israel Goralnik, general manager of the organization and former director-general of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. In Israel Ort has 96 schools with 55,000 students. Of this number, 40,000 are under the age of 18 and the rest are adults, 22 years old or more. The student body includes 9,000 girls and 4,000 Arabs and Druse.

In the past, Goralnik said, graduates have shown great flexibility in weathering any recession. "Anyone with a good theoretical and practical training can switch from one job to another." The schools teach electronics, electricity, mechanics, instrumentation, robotics, computers, aeronautics, and other trades.

Goralnik said it will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year to retrain an adult. Of this sum, about \$3,000 will be tuition. Each student will also need equipment costing about

\$500 a year; and the rest will be grants to provide the student with funds to live on during the 40 hours of weekly instruction. Those with considerable technical background can be retrained within one year; the others will need a two-year course, but during the second year most of them will also be able to work and earn money.

Most of the money must come from the government, Goralnik said. At present, some 80 per cent of the network's \$60 million annual budget comes from the government, most of the rest from the various Ort associations abroad.

Ort's headquarters are in London and there are another 30 Ort schools abroad, mainly in France, Italy, and the U.S., North Africa and India. Ort, which was founded more than 100 years ago, stands for Organization for the Rehabilitation through Training.

Several hundred students who have taken the Ort matriculation course have continued their education at the Technion or at the faculty of engineering at Tel Aviv or Bar-Gurion universities. A portion of them has also gone abroad.

"The simple fact," Goralnik said, "is that abroad these graduates receive more credits for their Ort

Bleak outlook for Brazil

SAO PAULO (Reuters). — Foreign bankers in Brazil have expressed pessimism that the International Monetary Fund's approval of the government's economic programme would lead to any lasting solution of its debt crisis.

The fund's approval of the austerity measures up to the end of 1984 will lead to the release of around \$3 billion of blocked loans from the IMF and foreign banks.

The decision Tuesday night also cleared the way for several billion dollars of new commercial loans, which will enable Brazil to pay off some \$3b. of arrears on its \$90b. debt.

"It is good news, but it is just a respite," one senior U.S. banker said.

The banker, who described himself as a pessimist, said he doubted that Brazil would be any more successful in living up to the terms of the latest agreement than it had been previously.

The IMF cut off financing to Brazil, the Third World's biggest borrower, in June after the country

failed to meet economic targets set out in a loan pact reached in February.

At the heart of the government's latest strategy for containing soaring inflation and controlling public spending is a wage law which gives salary increases of 100 per cent of the official inflation rate for the poorest wage earners, with proportionally less for others. The government was forced to retreat from its original proposal for an 80 per cent ceiling in the face of congressional opposition.

Bankers and economists agree that Brazil is heading for a deepening recession in 1984 with higher unemployment.

Economists estimate that Brazil needs economic growth of six per cent a year to prevent unemployment amongst its 125 million population from rising.

But since the end of 1980 the country has been sunk in recession. Officially the government forecasts nil growth for this year, but economists say the economy has probably shrunk between three and six per cent.

U.S. economy grew at 7.7% rate in 3rd quarter

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. economy expanded at a revised 7.7 per cent annual rate in the third quarter of the year, sustaining the strong economic recovery and giving a big boost to business profits, the Commerce Department reported.

The growth in the Gross National Product (GNP) was a slight downward revision from 7.9 per cent originally estimated and meant the pace of expansion in the July-September period was below the brisk 9.7 per cent rate in the second quarter. But economists still in-

terpreted the GNP reading optimistically.

Figures in the report showed profits of companies after tax jumped by 14.7 billion, or 11.6 per cent, to a yearly rate of \$141.9 billion in the third quarter of this year, from the second quarter and were up 21.8 per cent from a year ago.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said American corporations were experiencing the best turnaround in profits to have taken place during any recovery since World War II.

Poland scores U.S. over trade restrictions

GENEVA (Reuters). — Poland said yesterday the continued U.S. suspension of the country's Most Favoured Nation (MFN) trade status was disrupting its economy and harming its capacity to service its foreign debt.

Janusz Kaczurba, Polish delegate to the 39th session of the 90 contracting parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), said exports of textiles, clothing, metal products and chemicals had suffered most following Washington's move.

MFN status, which confers the best available tariff status, was suspended in October last year, after the banning of Poland's Solidarity free trade union.

But Kaczurba said America's action was contrary to GATT guidelines to refrain from taking trade measures for non-economic reasons.

Poland, which is struggling with debts of about \$26 billion to commercial banks, western governments and Japan, has already had to reschedule its payments.

Israel Lands Administration Tel Aviv District Proposal for Lease of Industrial Plot in North Tel Aviv Tender No. TA/83/75

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for a development contract concerning area details of which at the time of publication of the tender were as follows:

Block	Parcel portions	Plot	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Minimum price (IS)	Deposit (IS)
6338	15,24 18,32	Gimmel	10,000	115,372,000	5,000,000

In accordance with Municipal Building Plan No. 721, 40% construction will be permitted per floor up to a height of 15 metres. The plot has been assessed according to its present status and development.

Participation in the tender is only for recommendees of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Tel Aviv district office, 116 Derech Petah Tikva, Beit Kalka, during regular working hours.

Deadline for Ministry of Industry and Trade reference applications is on December 21, 1983, while the deadline for submitting tender bids is 12 noon on January 23, 1984. Bids not in the tenders postbox by the above time for any reason whatsoever, will not be considered.

The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any other bid.

Northern District Proposal for Lease of Multi-Storey Plot with Commercial Facade in Nazareth Tender No. NZ/83/77

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for lease of a plot for multi-storey construction with a commercial facade in Nazareth. Area details and construction potential on the plot at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Block	Parcel portions	Plots	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total building % on 3 floors above commercial floor	Minimum price (IS)	Deposit (IS)
18507	14	1-3	2,165	100%	16,675,500	750,000

Area is undeveloped. The tender awarder will be required to develop the area at his own expense and in coordination with the Nazareth municipality and authorized authorities.

Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Upper Nazareth district office, industrial zone, during regular working hours.

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Jerusalem District Cancellation of Tender No. JM/83/71 concerning the plot for multi-storey construction at the Arnona Quarter in Jerusalem.

The Israel Lands Administration hereby cancels Tender No. JM/83/71.

Tel Aviv District Proposal for Lease of Industrial Plot at Bat Yam Tender No. TA/83/76

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for a development contract concerning the area, details of which at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

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7122	74	171/a	3315	15,746,000	750,000

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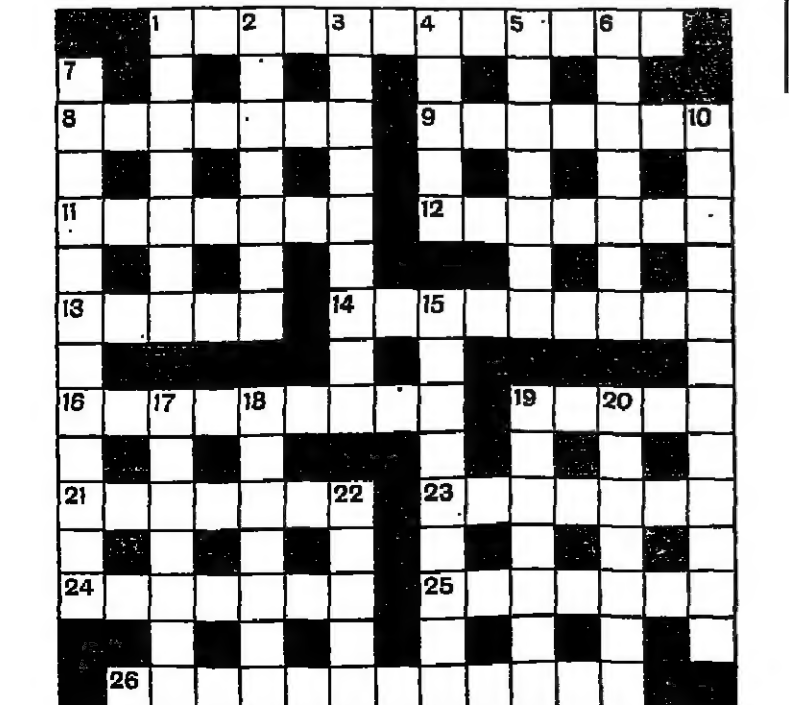
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Their poor brothers obey the sternest instructions (8,6)
- Nine set out with ardent feelings (7)
- The elevator's broken down but this makes NASA ecstatic (4,5)
- Chirpy rebel leader cracking up a hollow sort of victory (7)
- Awkward ride on part of road surface later (7)
- I get caught in training brotherhood to suffer (5)
- Only a short vision but it can make heart sing (4,5)
- Wildcat night-flier apt to get the flutters (5,4)
- Send a message from Belgium, Alec, in code (5)
- Types that have a leaning to display stress (7)
- Recoil from having book mended? (7)
- Exciting century going out (7)
- Tax dodge returns showing no-one being exempted (7)
- At the outset Cadmus's soldiers were drawn by George (7,5)

DOWN

- Upset, as critic detailed error with a sarcastic note (7)
- A manager for the stock market (7)
- Key instructions getting louder (9)
- A little hooper on the barn roof, perhaps (5)
- Spoils the pattern of French classes (7)
- The householder's top insurance (7)
- Not half as the decimalist says, of the baker's dozen! (3,5,4)
- Bill won't get far without this initial stop at Berkshire town (5,7)
- Hot, barren wld is detestable to man (9)
- Note less inclination to labour shown, so look through his work (7)
- Pouring jewellery about in a bad way (7)
- One co-subject of Kings talked about person with no ambitions (7)
- Like a low animal it curls up in a form of shrub (7)
- The French writer apt to wilt over article (5)



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New jobs in production

IT HAS LONG been recognized that the services, both public and private, take an inordinate share of Israel's manpower, and that they grow rich at the expense of the productive sector. Successive Israeli finance ministers have called for a transfer of workers from services to production. The incumbent, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, is only the last to join the campaign.

Speaking to the Israel Management Centre this week, Mr. Cohen-Orgad painted a gruesome picture of the services making all too easy a living from production, and he pledged to make services take the lead in the general belt-tightening.

"The service process," he said, "must be made much more efficient."

This was another way of suggesting that the service sector ought to be shrunk in size.

The finance minister is on the right track. To be sure, distinctions must be made. Not all services are alike in their significance to the public weal. Some services, notably health and education, cannot be massively cut without affecting the quality of life, indeed the very life, of the community. The country is not suffering from an excess of doctors, nurses or teachers.

There are services, too, which contribute as much as any industry to narrowing the balance of payments gap, and these ought to be expanded, not contracted. Tourism is one example of such a service. It is also true that, in the modern, increasingly computerized economy, some services are essential to the productive process itself.

But the argument does not apply to the generality of services in a country at Israel's level of development. The huge army of clerks in governmental and semi-governmental agencies and in financial and trading organizations could easily be reduced without, to put it mildly, hurting the economy. The same is true of the army of those self-employed in commerce. Less, in this case, is more — certainly more efficiency.

The real question, however, is not whether services should be shrunk, but how this laudable objective is to be attained. It will surely not be achieved merely by declarative statements about the easy life of those engaged in services. Labour mobility needs to be actively promoted, not just talked about.

Employment by the government could, of course, be pared down if the finance minister's cabinet colleagues went along with him in cutting the real operating expenses of their departments. But it is somewhat unlikely that former civil servants, and for that matter former bank clerks, will go in droves into production rather than seek alternative jobs in services — especially if production is as hard hit in the looming recession as is currently expected.

To move people from services into production it is obviously necessary to create new jobs in industry and agriculture. But Mr. Cohen-Orgad's assurance that work would be found in production for those made redundant in services does not appear to be based on any concrete plan that would make that possible.

Nor is there any present intention to make industry and agriculture more attractive by raising wages. What the finance minister promises instead is a general 7 to 9 per cent slash in the standard of living. This will not help effect any change in the country's present lopsided occupational structure.

Embarrassing appointment

THERE WERE over three score persons in attendance on Tuesday when Martin Gilbert, the renowned British historian, put it to the Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee that Israel was woefully remiss in keeping — indeed in placing — the plight of Soviet Jewry on the world's agenda. But only three of the committee's own nine members were there at the time.

It could be argued that, even if Israel did more than it was doing to arouse world concern for Soviet Jews who were not being allowed to leave, the Kremlin could not be pressured, in present circumstances, into opening Russia's gates for them. But the majority of the committee could not even be bothered to come and consider the issue.

The same day there was a motion for the agenda in the Knesset plenum on a matter that bears directly on the absorption of immigration to Israel. The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has recently hired, for a top administrative position, a man who some two years ago called on Sephardim in this country to take up arms against Ashkenazim.

Whatever the law applicable in this case, it would seem odd that a government department would so blithely ignore, in its hiring practices, a violation of the underlying ethos of the Law of Return.

An ad hoc coalition of government and opposition deputies, however, easily shelved a Shinui bid to place the matter on the agenda. They were, it seems, too embarrassed to deal with this explosive issue. As though by such inaction they could prevent the time bomb of communal hostility from ticking away in the basement.

SUGGESTIONS ABOUND for returning to austerity as a means of stabilizing the economy. The Hebrew term, *Tzena*, which became the name of a period of hardship in the early fifties, connotes to Israelis mainly an officially organized distribution of scarce goods and services on an equitable basis rather than according to economic ability to acquire them. The technical term for this, of course, is rationing.

Nostalgia for the *Tzena* period, for a better and more just world, is understandable when one feels that the present market system is crumbling around us, and that welfare cases are the first to suffer. With nostalgia generally, one forgets the facts and tends to feel favourable towards the source of the nostalgia. It would be worthwhile, therefore, to refresh people's memories, lest they fall for the austerity trap.

Austerity is not achieved by preaching from above. In fact, I doubt whether it is a moral issue. Most people (alas) behave according to where their mundane interests lie and are not idealistically

THE MIDDLE EAST is popular in Canada these days. On the heels of the swing through five Middle East states by External Affairs Minister Alan, MacEachen, a Canadian Senate fact-finding mission has arrived in Israel following visits to Egypt, Syria and Jordan. Although the Upper House of Canada's parliament wields little political power, its periodic, thorough investigations and recommendations on Canadian domestic and foreign policy issues are closely scrutinized and widely reported.

The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee's lengthy inquiry into Canada's relations with the Middle East was initiated in June 1982. No official reason was offered at the time, but informed observers of the Ottawa scene attributed this decision to the influence of a small — but distinguished and vocal — circle of politicians, academics, former diplomats and corporate personalities who for some time had sought to wean Canada away from its perceived "pro-Israeli" policy.

In their view, a more "balanced" — that is, pro-Palestinian — policy, was both morally justified and economically sound.

The committee's rather laconic terms of reference stated merely that it was "authorized to examine and report upon Canada's relations with countries of the Middle East and North Africa, namely Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, North and South Yemen, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iran."

THIRTY-FOUR meetings and

The austerity trap

By YITZHAK TAUB

motivated.

The first step for a useful austerity plan is to take away people's motivation to live it up, i.e. spending money must be made prohibitive, while saving it should be made attractive. (This means assuring a nice inflation-proof return — not an easy feat while a government suffers a crisis in confidence.) It means that basic necessities be made available relatively cheaply and plentifully, or else you have to ration.

Schemes must be devised to make work and production attractive despite the present inability to enjoy fully the fruits of your efforts so that

the economy will flourish although citizens will fare worse in their everyday private lives. Our aim would be full employment, enhanced growth of exports and, as far as practicable, curbing imports, which mainly would be linked to production. During this period investment must be pushed in order to widen the future productive basis of the economy.

These suggestions constitute an ideal path for reconstructing our shattered economy, but experience here and abroad (viz. Eastern Europe) shows that however desirable it may be in theory, it is rejected in practice. Black markets

develop, and smuggling becomes a way of life. This would be especially so in an open economy with a million incoming tourists and new immigrants with special importing and foreign currency permits. If there is also full employment, the practice of shirking work for moonlighting jobs is to be expected. In the end, the whole edifice crumbles. A class of non-tax paying nouveau riches develops, and unless you want to inspect it and police it with multitudes of bureaucrats, sooner or later you have to admit to failure.

Therefore anybody who had illusions about this kind of solution had better resign himself to less perfect, less just solutions more likely to be workable so the outcome will be better. It is preferable to have a freer if less just economy, but one handing out economic rewards to those who contribute most to the main requirements of the welfare of the country. Thus our first goal has to be more exports. If you have to reward effort, let the exporters be the ones whose initiative pays best. If we want technological growth, reward technology, etc.

For these purposes proper economic incentives and disincentives have to be devised. Price stabilization is not an end but a means to enable the system to concentrate on production instead of on financial juggling.

All this has been said here to counter the idea of anyone trying to run the economy by edicts. The political left has a deep craving for "directed" economic policies on the micro level, which are supposed to achieve political and social goals affirmatively and directly. In practice, they never do; they only create distortions. Look at Eastern Europe or check the facts about Israel in the early fifties.

Except for emergencies, like wars, it is better to leave the driving to the driver who usually sees the road better while the policy-makers concentrate on providing the roads and rails leading towards the desired destinations.

If austerity means more controls and less initiative, I for one would forgo austerity.

The writer is a commentator on economic affairs.

A disturbing symmetry

By SHEFER BEN-DAVID

scores of witnesses later, what has the committee learned? Relatively little about Canada's relations with the majority of the countries in question or, indeed, about the relations between those countries themselves.

In a process reminiscent of the United Nations' absurd, disproportionate focus on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the committee members have concentrated on the same conflict and, specifically, on its Palestinian aspect.

The committee's meetings did not take place in a vacuum. Indeed, the fall-out from the siege of Beirut in the summer of 1982 could be detected throughout the proceedings.

Like many Canadians, the senators were affected by the visual impact of television's gruesome coverage of that war: the pro-PLO exhortations of Theodore Arcand, then Canada's ambassador to Lebanon, resonated throughout the sessions.

When translated into political terms, Canadians' sincere — but simplistic — concern for the fate of the Palestinians was articulated in severe condemnations of Israel's ac-

tions and an accelerated flirtation with the PLO as the Palestinians' representative voice. Those who were pushing for policy changes now found fertile ground in the prevailing atmosphere.

ARAB AND PRO-ARAB spokesmen dominated nine out of the fourteen meetings devoted exclusively to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Especially awkward was the appearance of the PLO's Canadian representative as a staff member of the Arab League office in Ottawa. This, while Canada continues to refuse official recognition to the PLO.

Jewish delegations and witnesses were also heard. Their well-reasoned and opportune statements were heavily outnumbered by passionate advocates of the Arab cause.

A disturbing symmetry has resulted. Israel and the PLO are viewed as equally responsible for the impasse in the peace process and, therefore, as equally responsible for moving to break the deadlock.

Moreover, with this fallacious symmetry in place, it has been only too easy to respond sympathetically

to Palestinian codewords — "self-determination, inalienable rights" — to which Arab governments themselves pay only lip-service (As recently as last month, External Affairs Minister MacEachen made it clear that Canada's policy does not go as far as these Arab formulations).

The committee's disapprobation of the PLO's avowed aims, and its professed concern for Israel's security, have been overwhelmed by the sheer weight of testimony on the Arab side.

THE CURRENT fact-finding mission to the Middle East takes place against the backdrop of climatic events. Ignoring those Arab states with the greatest economic potential for Canada (the reversals in OPEC's fortunes notwithstanding), the senators preferred to concentrate on countries bordering Israel — Egypt, Syria and Jordan. This, while Syria's brutal take-over of what purported to be the Palestinians' sole and independent voice is destroying any little relevance that the PLO may have had to the chances for Arab-Israeli peace; and while Syria itself has become increasingly belligerent towards both Israel and the United States.

The senators have had a timely opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the vicious cycle of Arab rejectionism and of the potential that exists when peace is offered to Israel.

In contrast, the visit to Israel should enable the senators to acquire that hitherto absent dimension: an understanding of the root causes of the conflict as seen from the Israeli perspective.

Although three of their five days in Israel will be devoted — at their insistence — to independent travel through the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan, and despite Israeli scepticism regarding the eventual outcome of their inquiry, the senators will be greeted with the openness which characterizes a vibrant democracy and which reflects the high regard for Canada in this country. They will be exposed to Israel's many voices and will see its much-touted internal debate in action.

LAST MONTH, MacEachen returned home from the Middle East to a wave of protests. Government and opposition politicians, as well as the Jewish community, decried the tone and substance of his public comments, especially with regard to the Syrian role in the region.

In seeking to alleviate these concerns, the external affairs minister attributed their cause to misperceptions stemming from inaccurate reporting of what was said during his tour.

In the light of these recent exchanges, the senate committee's visit is being followed carefully by Israelis and their friends in Canada. They know that the tradition of Canadian fair-mindedness and friendship towards Israel continues to have strong support in Canadian public opinion.

And they trust that the inherent rectitude of Canada's parliamentarians will prevail over any narrow interests that may have guided the committee's work thus far.

The writer is an observer of North American-Middle East relations.

READERS' LETTERS

THE ISRAELI DOCTOR IN ALBERTA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to your story of November 6 concerning the Israeli doctor charged with the murder of a Canadian infant. It is my opinion that this is a blatant case of anti-Semitism and the facts behind the scenes should be pointed out to Israeli readers.

In Alberta where this event took place, there has been an interesting case brought to the public's attention in the last year or so. A principal of the local high school, also the mayor of the town and acting provincial secretary of the ruling Social Credit Party (a position of considerable power, you will agree) has been discovered to have taught for 12 years in the high school that the Holocaust never occurred, that it is the invention of the Jews, and he has used "The Protocols of Zion" as a reference book. Until two years ago, not one person complained or brought it to anyone's attention. Since the current public outcry (albeit smaller than it should be), he has been temporarily

suspended (not fired, to my knowledge) from his job as principal. He remains as mayor and he was very reluctantly removed as secretary of the party. (My knowledge is from six months ago.)

During this time of scandal and reluctance of the authorities to actively counteract the damage done, this particular file on an Israeli doctor was suddenly found. I have no solid evidence to prove that this coincidence is what I and others believe it to be but it is a fact that according to all that was written in the papers in Canada six months ago, there was no evidence or basis for prosecution against the Israeli doctor.

It is my opinion that this background must be taken into consideration, particularly since the atmosphere in Alberta at that time was one of supporting the principal in his teachings.

MRS. J. BITNUN

Ein Harod Hhud.

CANCER TREATMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to the Reuters report you published on November 11, "New drug may help treat cancer." This is another classic example of research scientists experimenting on animals and trying to raise false hopes at the public's expense.

The tale usually goes something like this: A research scientist experimenting on rats or mice which are much cheaper and easier to handle than man's closer relatives, the anthropoid apes, but which unfortunately also develop a very different type of cancer to that in man, tells the press that he may produce a cure for this or that form of cancer within the foreseeable future (usually a figure of one to five years is given to make the claim more tangible to the public). The trusting public then pours millions of dollars into the coffers of the corporation (a pharmaceutical firm or a government research institute) who employs the scientist.

One, five and even ten years later and probably thousands of experimental animals, no results are forthcoming from all the research work. However, by this stage, most people have forgotten the original promise, and the scientist is already requesting a further research grant to experiment on yet more rats and mice, because, he assures us, the cancer cure is now definitely "just around the corner."

Nevertheless, progress is being made in the treatment of cancer; the actual cure of cancer is, however, still in its infancy. Is it not

more of a mark of progress to be able to prevent cancer than to possess limited and not-so-successful treatments? Without preventive health programmes, including environmental health and ecological medicine, human cancer will only increase (as is the case in Israel today, according to health ministry statistics), as our environment, air, water and food become even more contaminated with agricultural and industrial chemicals.

While there is no intent to deny that people suffering from cancer should have the benefit of intervention treatment, the grand illusion that new cures (in the absence of concerted preventive programmes) represent progress must be shattered.

DR. A. MENACHE.
ISPCA Veterinarian

Tel Aviv.

ATTACK ON KOLLEK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On October 18 we sent a telegram to Dr. Yosef Burg urging him, as Minister of Interior, Police and Religion to make a statement protesting the vicious attack on our Mayor, Teddy Kollek, by ultra-Orthodox hooligans on Shabbat. A translation of that telegram was submitted by us as an advertisement which appeared in The Jerusalem Post on October 24.

We regret very much that Dr. Burg has in no way reacted to our appeal to him.

MIRIAM LEVIN,
Spokesman, Kadima

Jerusalem.

PRICE CONTROL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The aggressive incompetence of the Treasury which continues to print money while endeavouring to restrain wages might well tear the social fabric of our democratic society.

Taken curbs on government spending and entreaties to the Histadrut to accept less than the full cost of living increase cannot alone reduce inflation.

Democracy can only thrive when there is general confidence in its institutions. The flight from worthless currency to unnecessary goods must result in a loss of trust and respect for those who purport to control the levers of power.

And yet the Histadrut simply demands more devalued shekels without the concomitant request for the stabilizing of prices. Only a statutory price freeze on all goods and services can reduce the panic felt on receipt of the monthly pay cheque. Only price control together with wage restraint can reduce the velocity of money circulation and encourage saving and investment.

It is not merely that we are in danger of running out of deceased politicians to grace our new banknotes, but we may suddenly find our debased currency bears the portrait of some live general.

DR. MARK H. CASSON
Ramat Gan.

BIRZEIT'S ACADEMIC FREEDOM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to the letter of October 12 on academic freedom by P. Glavanis and 12 other participants in the International Symposium on Rural Society in the Middle East, held recently at Birzeit University.

The people at Birzeit have more academic and other freedom than university staff and students in any other country in the Middle East. They have caused and continue to cause countless problems. These problems, if they had occurred in Arab or Iron Curtain countries, would have caused the people involved imprisonment and possibly torture, exile or death.

These people have no valid complaints as to Ms. Scott or anything else. They are all spoiled because they have been allowed to get away with so much. They obviously do not know when they are well off.

BARBARA ROTH
Sunnyside, New York.

TV PROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I daily wonder for whom our TV is meant. No wonder people watch Jordan TV or video cassettes. First of all, the news (Mabat) is at 9 p.m. Why this difference from any civilized country? There, the news is conveyed at 7, or 7.30, or 8 or 8.30 p.m.

Secondly, do you believe that the majority of the population is so lowbrow or primitive to enjoy only Benson, variety programmes, Till Pop and such? If they are not the majority, why are the good programmes given so late in the evening?

My relatives and friends happen to be what one calls intellectually, but they do work and are too tired at night to watch even a good British play, or an old famous film, or Ram Evron's interviews. I would like The Jerusalem Post to start a campaign to change the TV schedule. This newspaper has started other battles, and won.

MARIAN GLUCKSMAN
Tel Aviv.

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